



SPRUCE UP YOUR HOME
HOME IMPROVEMENT LOANS

THE BLOOMINGTON HOUSING AND
Redevelopment Authority (HRA) will
accept applications through
March 21, 2008, for its Home
Improvement Deferred Loan Program.

Loans of up to \$35,000 are available
to Bloomington homeowners. There are
no monthly payments. Repayment occurs
when the home is sold, transferred or
conveyed. Interest is charged at an
annual rate of 5 percent of the original
loan principal for the first 10 years. No
additional interest accrues after 10 years.

A lead risk assessment is required
for all homes built before 1978.

Loans are offered to help maintain
the condition of housing and
neighborhoods. Applications are ranked
and processed according to need.

Eligible repairs include replacing
roofs, electrical, heating and plumbing
systems, gutters, windows, doors,
insulation, siding, soffits and fascia,
exterior painting and foundation,
sidewalk or step repairs.

Ineligible repairs include
decorating, additions, finishing
basements, remodeling and garage
construction.

To apply for a Home Improvement
Deferred Loan, you must be the
owner-occupant of your home and have
sufficient equity to cover the loan
amount. *Income guidelines apply.*
See table below.

INCOME GUIDELINES

Persons in household*	Maximum gross income**
1	\$41,700
2	\$47,700
3	\$53,650
4	\$59,600
5	\$64,350
6	\$69,150
7	\$73,900
8 or more	\$78,650

* Includes all residents of household,
related and unrelated, including renters.

** Subject to change.



Loan applications will
be accepted at the HRA
office at Bloomington
Civic Plaza, 1800 W. Old
Shakopee Road, until
Friday, March 21, 2008. For more
information or to receive an
application, call 952-563-8937.

BLOOMINGTON TO CELEBRATE 150 YEARS
SESQUICENTENNIAL EVENTS WILL KICK OFF IN 2008



ON MAY 11, 1858, THE TOWN OF BLOOMINGTON WAS ESTABLISHED AT AN ORGANIZATIONAL
meeting. The 25 organizers approved a \$100 budget. In 2008, Bloomington will
celebrate its sesquicentennial. Special events and activities will be held throughout
the year to commemorate the occasion. Mark your calendars for the main event,
Sunday, May 11, 2008, at the Old Town Hall, Penn Avenue and Old Shakopee Road.
Plans include a dedication of the newly restored Old Town Hall, historic photos and
exhibits, costumed reenactments, tours of historic Bloomington sites and much
more. Look for details, including a calendar of events, in February's *Briefing*.

A Web page has also been developed to help kick off the celebration. Click on
the sesquicentennial icon on the City's Web site for more information.



HISTORICAL PHOTOS AND
STORIES SOUGHT

Do you have historical photos or
stories you'd like to share? If so,
submit them to City of Bloomington
Communications, 1800 W. Old
Shakopee Road, Bloomington MN
55431, call Communications
Administrator Janine Hill at
952-563-8819 or visit the City's Web
site at www.ci.bloomington.mn.us.

WITH YOU IN MIND...

ASK THE CITY

NEW ONLINE SERVICE REQUESTS FOR RESIDENTS

DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT CITY FACILITIES, BUILDING PERMITS, UTILITIES OR
licensing? We have answers! *Ask the City* is a new citizen request management
system designed to be an easy and fast way to:

- Search the City Web site for answers to your most frequently asked questions.
- See the top questions and answers of the week.
- Create a service request to ask for help or action from the City.
- Follow-up on nonemergency service requests.

The new system will launch on the City's Web site in early 2008. For more
information, call Communications Administrator Janine Hill at 952-563-8819.

RIGHT-OF-WAY RULES
KNOWING WHO HAS THE
RIGHT-OF-WAY

DO YOU EVER WONDER, AS YOU APPROACH
an intersection without traffic signals or
a stop sign, is it you or the other driver
who should yield?



When at least two drivers approach a right-of-way situation, both should be
prepared to yield. Right-of-way and yield laws in State Statutes and the Minnesota
Drivers Manual state the following:

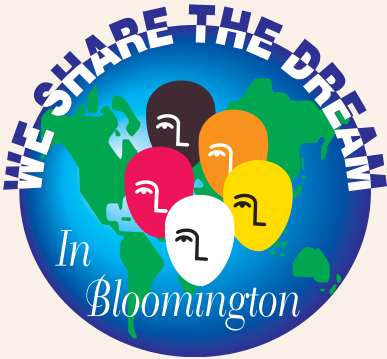
- When two vehicles reach an intersection simultaneously and there is no traffic
light or signal or if there is an all-way stop, the driver of the vehicle on the left must
yield to the vehicle on the right.
- When two vehicles approach an uncontrolled "T" intersection, the driver of the
vehicle that is turning must yield to all cross traffic.
- When approaching a public road from a driveway, motorists must stop and
yield to pedestrians and traffic.

For more information, visit www.dps.state.mn.us/dvs.



HOLIDAY SHOPPING
BOUTIQUE AT CREEKSIDE

VISIT THE CREEKSIDE BOUTIQUE, 9801
Penn Avenue South, this holiday season
to find that "one-of-a-kind" gift. The
gift shop sells handmade items crafted
by local residents. The Boutique is open
**weekdays, 10 a.m. - 2:45 p.m., Tuesday
evenings, 6 - 8 p.m., and Saturdays,
9:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.**



HUMAN RIGHTS DAY
A REMINDER FOR EVERYONE

AT THE DECEMBER CITY COUNCIL
meeting, Mayor Gene Winstead
presented a proclamation to a
representative from the Bloomington
Human Rights Commission. The
proclamation recognizes and
declares **December 10, 2007**, as
International Human Rights Day.

The recognition of this day
reminds us that we all have a
responsibility to do what we can to
protect human rights.

This proclamation resolves our
city's commitment to ensuring
human rights for everyone – a
commitment to help erase
discrimination and racism. The
Human Rights Commission asks
you to do the same. Commit
yourself to ensuring human rights
for everyone.

In 2008, the Commission will
partner with local organizations
and schools to sponsor activities
that will focus on human rights
that are ignored and the
consequences.

*Bob Peters, Bloomington Human
Rights Commissioner*